

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.       An insert for a container having a knit line on the container body, a neck  
2 defining an opening in the body and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck, the  
3 insert comprising:

4                   an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining  
5 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge and a lower edge, with the  
6 upper edge including an annular lip extending radially outward to prevent the insert from  
7 being pushed to far into or through the neck ;

8                   an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and

9                   a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to  
10 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout,

11                  wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first radius and a second  
12 portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius with  
13 the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is threaded  
14 onto the neck.

1           2.       The insert of claim 1, including a tooth extending from the lip and configured  
2 to insert into a notch defined by the neck of the container.

1           3.       The insert of claim 2, wherein the tooth is a spaced distance from the outer  
2 wall of the insert.

1           4.       The insert of claim 1, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density  
2 polyethylene.

1           5.       The insert of claim 1, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the  
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

1           6.       The insert of claim 1, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1           7.       The insert of claim 6, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1           8.       The insert of claim 1, wherein the spout includes at least one straight upper  
2 edge.

1           9.     An insert for a container having a body defining a volume, a neck defining an  
2 opening in the body and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck, the insert  
3 comprising:

4                 an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining  
5 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge including a lip extending  
6 radially outward from the upper edge to prevent the insert from being pushed to far into or  
7 through the neck and a lower edge, with the lip including one of a tooth and notch configured  
8 to engage one of the notch and tooth formed in the neck;

9                 an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and

10                a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to  
11 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout, wherein the tooth/notch combination  
12 inhibits rotation of the insert in the opening and aligns the insert in a preselected orientation.

1           10.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the tooth and notch are positioned to index the  
2 alignment of the spout in relationship to the body of the container.

1           11.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density  
2 polyethylene.

1           12.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the  
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

3           13.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first  
4 radius and a second portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the  
5 second radius with the first portion forming a seal with the neck at a knit line of the container  
6 when the cover is threaded onto the neck.

1           14.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1           15.    The insert of claim 14, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1           16.    The insert of claim 9, wherein the spout includes at least one straight upper  
2 edge.

1           17.    A container having a knit line, the container comprising:

2 a body defining a partially enclosed volume having an access opening defined  
3 by a neck, the neck defining a notch; and  
4 an insert coupled to the neck, the insert comprising:  
5 an outer wall configured to fit within the opening of the container and defining  
6 the periphery of the insert, the outer wall having an upper edge and a lower edge, with the  
7 upper edge including an annular lip extending radially outward to prevent the insert from  
8 being pushed to far into or through the neck ;  
9 a tooth extending from the lip and configured to insert into the notch defined  
10 by the neck of the container;  
11 an upstanding spout located within the outer wall; and  
12 a bottom wall connecting the lower edge of the outer wall and the spout to  
13 form a channel between the outer wall and the spout,  
14 wherein the lip includes a first portion having a first radius and a second  
15 portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second radius with  
16 the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is threaded  
17 onto the neck.

1 18. The container of claim 17, wherein the tooth is a spaced distance from the  
2 outer wall of the insert.

1 19. The container of claim 17, wherein the insert is composed of linear low  
2 density polyethylene.

1 20. The container of claim 17, wherein the lip forms a gasket seal with neck as the  
2 cover is threaded onto the neck.

1 21. The container of claim 17, wherein the channel includes an aperture.

1 22. The container of claim 21, wherein the channel is sloped toward the aperture.

1 23. The container of claim 17, wherein the spout includes at least one straight  
2 upper edge.

1 24. The container of claim 17, wherein the container is configured to contain  
2 paint.

1           25.     A method for aligning and sealing a container having a knit line, a neck  
2 defining an opening in the container, and a cover configured to threadingly engage the neck,  
3 the method comprising the steps of :

4                   providing an insert having an annular lip extending radially outward;  
5                   configuring the insert to fit within the opening of the container;  
6                   configuring the annular lip with a first portion having a first radius and a  
7 second portion having a second radius, wherein the first radius is larger than the second  
8 radius with the first portion forming a seal at the knit line of the container when the cover is  
9 threaded onto the neck;

10                  providing a tooth on the annular lip; and  
11                  configuring the tooth to insert into a notch defined in the neck, wherein the  
12 tooth/notch combination aligns the first portion of the insert with the knit line of the  
13 container.

1           26.     The method of claim 25, including the step of configuring the insert to define  
2 a spout.

1           27.     The method of claim 25, wherein the insert is composed of linear low density  
2 polyethylene.

1           28.     The method of claim 25, wherein the container is configured to contain paint.